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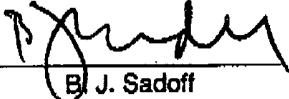
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REQUEST

The applicant requests a new action with the date reset from the mailing date of said new action and/or an indication by return facsimile of any outstanding objections or rejections of claims 28 and 29 of the above-identified application. Moreover, a copy of the "sequence alignment" indicated as being attached to the Office Action of February 23, 2004 was not received by the undersigned with the Office Action.

Specifically, the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, is incomplete in not indicating with particularity any objections and rejections of claims 28 and 29. Moreover, the applicants are unable to respond to the art rejection without receiving a complete action which apparently should have included a sequence alignment as indicated on page 1 of the Office Action.

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The undersigned discussed these deficiencies with the Examiner in a teleconference of March 1, 2004. The Examiner indicated to the undersigned at that time that a copy of the sequence alignment would be forwarded by facsimile to the undersigned at fax number (703) 816-4100. Moreover, the Examiner indicated to the undersigned during the teleconference that the Examiner would speak with her Supervisor regarding any required further explanation of the apparent objection of claims 28 and 29. The undersigned notes that without a specifically stated objection or rejection, the claims should be allowed and indicated as such. The applicants are unable to respond without receiving a complete action. Issuance of a complete action is requested with the date reset for responding to the same from the mailing date of the new Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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